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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD INVESTIGATING BRITISH COLUMBIA

NATURAL GAS SUPPLY

1. DURING HOUSE OF COMMONS ORAL QUESTION PERIOD ON BOTH SEPTEMBER 19 AND 21, ENERGY MINISTER MACDONALD WAS SHARPLY QUESTIONED ON REPORTS THAT WEST COAST TRANSMISSION WILL BE CUTTING BACK ON SUPPLY OF GAS TO B.C. CUSTOMERS BY 10 PERCENT ON PEAK DEMAND THIS WINTER AS RESULT OF OPERATIONS PROBLEMS BY ONE OF ITS SUPPLIERS, AMOCO CANDA PETROLEUM CO. LTD.

- 2. MACDONALD CONISTENTLY REPLIED THAT NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD IS MAKING IMMEDITE ASSESSMENT OF POSSIBLE SHORTAGE AND ACTION DECISION WILL BE MADE WHEN ALL FACTORS BECOME CLEAR.
- 3. OPPOSITION LEADER STANFIELD AND B.C. MP DOUGLAS STRONGLY SUGGESTED IN HOUSE THAT ANY SHRTAGES SHOULD BE OFFSET BY CURTAILING WEST COAST EXPORTS TO U.S. SCHMIDT

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